

Steve Lynch - Fwd: Web Contact - Reply: N, Subject: 560 Mathilda Avenue

From: Alice Gamboa-Navas
To: Lynch, Steve
Date: 9/20/2004 8:43 AM
Subject: Fwd: Web Contact - Reply: N, Subject: 560 Mathilda Avenue

Steve,
Here's a letter against the project above.
Alice

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Name = David Zarko
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ReplyRequested = N
Subject = 560 Mathilda Avenue
Message =
Re: 2004-0139 Miro Design Group [Applicant]

My mother and I own the property at 538 S. Mathilda, next to the project cited above. I am writing to object to the proposal.

Personally, I am concerned about my mother's welfare. A woman who is a native of the area, and who has generously contributed to the welfare of the community, should be afforded a quiet environment as she approaches her 94th birthday. But I understand that one person's comfort is not necessarily a convincing argument against approval.

However, I do feel that the project as proposed is contrary to the Downtown Specific Plan, which reserves the 500 block of Mathilda for large, general development in a style consistent with the boulevard look that is described as the goal for Mathilda Avenue. This project would create overuse of a narrow lot, an impediment to any future development of the block for a more spacious and visually pleasing complex, and a safety hazard by producing a high-use turn off on a heavily trafficked corridor.

It seems unwise to allow such an insensitive development directly across from the Civic Center, an area that should be conserved until such time as optimum use can be made of the site. To proceed would be to derail the Specific Plan before it has even begun to take effect. It would put the entire concept of a Plan into jeopardy. Who will take it seriously if THE prime focus of the Plan is discarded to accommodate the impractical whim of a single developer.

I encourage the Commission to reject the project, and to disallow any single lot development of the 500 block of Mathilda Avenue that would detract from the long term goals of the Downtown Specific Plan. Please, don't sabotage your own efforts by ignoring the guidelines you have set down, which, so early after Plan's approval, would send the signal that it is not a serious effort to reshape Sunnyvale's downtown, after all.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Sincerely

David Zarko

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538 S. Mathilda Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94086
September 15, 2004

Dear Commissioners:

When I found out that there are plans being proposed to build a three story commercial building on the property directly next to me on the south, I was horrified. I'm so upset at the thought of this happening, I feel I must write you a strong letter because I cannot take the chance of speaking before you and possibly breaking down with emotion.

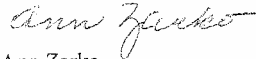
My roots are here, I have lived at this location for almost sixty years, and lived in this area of Sunnyvale-Cupertino, all my life. My husband and I had the house moved from across the street already, disrupting my lifestyle then, and now it looks like there are plans to further make problems for me by building a monstrosity next to my home. I want you to know that the city used the right of eminent domain because of the civic buildings needing to be built at the corner of El Camino and Mathilda where we had the Zarko service station and our home.

Think how horrible it would be for a 94 year old lady to experience the noise, mess, and confusion that this construction would entail. Parking is already a huge problem on this street that is a main artery through Sunnyvale, and the vehicles involved with building this structure would be encroaching on my property as well as providing a traffic jam on Mathilda Avenue. When finished there would still be the traffic problem, plus my house would no longer enjoy sunlight shining into the windows on my one side. Why have a new commercial building where a private residence has been and there is a new down town area we're encouraging owners and tenants to fill!

This owner of six years has almost constantly tried new enterprises, like remodeling for a beautician, then when she moved out, renovating the building for a coffee shop which never materialized. This current renter has a problem parking and uses part of my driveway because the owner is renting the garage to a couple to live in and those people need the driveway for their car. The house has been added to, remodeled, and trees and foliage removed over these six years, so perhaps the owner can't make up his mind what he wants! The neighbor on the other side, Stan Kawczynski, and owner Carolyn Ryan, are upset about this situation also.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Ann Zarko